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THE KNIGHT'S TOAST.

The feast is o'er! Now brimming wine
In golden cup is seen to shine
Before each eager guest;
And silence fills the crowded hall,
As deep as when the herald's call
Thrills in the loyal breast.

Then up arose the noble host,
And smiling cried, "My lords, a toast!
To all our ladies fair.
As Stanley gave the word;
Here, before all, I pledge the name
Of Stanton's proud and beautiful dame,
The Ladye Gundemere."

Then to his feet each gallant sprang,
And joyous was the shout that rang
As Stanley gave the word;
And every cup was raised on high,
Nor ceased the loud and gladsome cry,
'Till Stanley's voice was heard:

"Enough, enough," he smiling said,
And lowly bent his haughty head,
"That all may have their due,
Now each in turn must play his part,
And pledge the ladye of his heart,
Like gallant knight and true."

Then, one by one, each guest sprang up,
And drained in turn the brimming cup,
And named the loved one's name;
And each, as hand on high he raised,
His ladye's grace or beauty praised,
Her constancy and fame.

'Tis now St. Leon's turn to rise;
On him are fixed those countless eyes—
A gallant knight is he;
Enviied by some, admired by all,
Far famed in ladye's bower and hall,
The flower of chivalry.

St. Leon raised his kindling eye,
And lifts the sparkling cup on high:
"I drink to one," he said,
"Whose image never may depart,
Deep graven on this grateful heart,
'Till memory be dead;

"To one whose love for me shall last
When lighter passions long have past,
So holy 'tis, and true;
To one whose love hath longer dwelt,
More deeply fixed, more keenly felt,
Than any pledged by you."

Each guest upstart at the word,
And laid a hand upon his sword,
With fury flashing eye,
And Stanley said, "We crave the name,
Proud knight, of this most peerless dame
Whose love you count so high."

St. Leon paused, as if he would
Not breathe her name in careless mood
Thus lightly to another;
Then bent his noble head, as though
To give that word the reverence due,
And gently said, "My mother!"

The following is a statement of the transactions of the Mint, for the year.

Number of Gold deposits	6,743
do do	14,655,317
Gold coined	8,215,339
Gold run into bars	6,428,201
Number of Assays of Gold	20,229
Total weight of Gold deposits, oz.	795,921
Net weight of Silver in Gold deposits, oz.	24,637
Value of Silver paid to depositors	\$33,317
Mint per centage for refining	\$27,550
do do	41,362
do do	30,218
Total Mint income	\$99,131
Number of Silver deposits	146
Number of Silver Assays	438
Silver refined for Coin, oz.	22,712

RULES.—An Eastern paper gives the following seasonable and excellent rules for young men commencing business:

The world estimates men by their success in life, and by general consent, success is evidence of superiority. Never under any circumstances, assume a responsibility you can avoid consistently with your duty to yourself and others.

Base all your actions upon a principle of right; preserve your integrity of character, and, in doing this never reckon the cost.

Remember that self-interest is more likely to warp your judgment than all other circumstances combined; therefore, look well to your duty, when your interest is concerned.

Never make money at the expense of your reputation.

Be neither lavish nor niggardly; of the two avoid the latter. A mean man is universally despised, but public favor is a stepping stone to preferment; therefore generous feelings should be cultivated.

Say but little—think much, and do more.
Let your expenses be such as to leave a balance in your pocket. Ready money is a friend in need.
Keep clear of the law; for, even if you gain your case, you are generally a loser.

Avoid borrowing and lending.
Wine drinking and smoking segars are bad habits; they impair the mind and pocket, and lead to a waste of time.

Never relate your misfortunes, and never grieve over what you cannot prevent.

The Rochester American says the following private despatch went through by telegraph about a month since—"Charlie and Julia met at—'s yesterday—quarreled and parted forever—met again this morning and parted to meet no more—met again this morning and were married!"

It is said it is intended to despatch a portion of the London Fire Brigade to Constantinople, with the necessary apparatus, to protect the hospital at Scutari from fire.

The ship building in the United States in 1854, footed up an average tonnage of 535,636 tons, and includes 334 ships and bargues, 112 brigs, 661 schooners, 386 sloops and 281 steamers; in all, 1774 vessels. Quite a respectable little navy.

America is represented in Spain by a Frenchman, in Portugal by an Irishman, in Italy by an Italian, at the Hague by a German Jew, and at Naples by a Scot.

FROM ABROAD.

NEW YORK.

An election for Assistant Engineer of the New York Fire Department, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Michael Eichel, took place in that city on Monday, the 19th February, with the following result. Whole number of votes cast, 2278, of which there were received by

Farnham, of Hook and Ladder 1,	813
Sickles, of Engine Co. 6,	579
Botts, of Engine Co. 38,	633
Constantine, of Engine Co. 42,	240
Blank,	12

Total,	2278
Farnham's majority over Botts,	180
" " Sickles,	234
" " Constantine,	573

Mr. Farnham is well known to many of our San Francisco firemen, as an energetic, reliable and brave member of the New York Department, and worthy of the position to which he has been elected.

The Firemen of the city of Williamsburgh gave their 13th Annual Ball, in aid of the Charitable Fund, on the evening of the 26th February. The net receipts from the same amounted to \$1,200. We notice that Mr. Van Valkenburgh, formerly an active member of Sansone H. & L. 3, was chairman of the Committee of Arrangements.

H. & L. Co. No. 11, of the New York Department, was disbanded on the evening of the 21st February, by the Board of Representatives, for improper conduct on the part of the officers and members. There were 170 members of the Board present, and the Report of the Committee recommending the above action was adopted unanimously.

A magnificent service of silver, consisting of six pieces, (tea, coffee, urn, sugar and sipping bowls,) are to be presented to John Coger, Jr., formerly President of the Board of Trustees of the New York Fire Department, in view of the valuable services rendered the Department by Mr. Coger during a period of nearly twenty-five years, and particularly for his devotion to the interests of the Charitable Fund, and his exertions to promote the comfort and happiness of the widow and orphans under the care of the Department. The silver bears the following inscription, while the other five pieces are simply marked with the initials "J. C." viz:

JOHN COGER, JR., Esq.,
by the
NEW YORK FIRE DEPARTMENT,
as a token of their regard and esteem for his long and faithful services.

Committee from the Representatives:
Wm. D. Wade, D. Milken, J. D. Stanbury.
Committee from the Trustees:
Zophar Mills, James R. By, James Pryer.
February, 1855.

Such an honor as the above conferred upon a fireman, sufficiently denotes the faithfulness of his conduct, as a member of the organization, and is worthy the emulation of the younger members of the same.

Mr. Charles Cornell, ex fireman of Hose 8, immortalized himself by being the first to roll the Exempt engine. She was ordered out by the Chief at the fire corner of Pearl street and Calumet street, but in consequence of its being a poor alarm, and the fire showing no light, there were but some fifteen men present. The news of the Exempt engine beating the steam apparatus, was telegraphed to the press all over the country, and elicited much wonder and commendation in other cities.

BALTIMORE.
A trial was recently made in Baltimore, of the Deptford engine, in presence of a large number of firemen and other citizens. She was ordered out by the Chief at the fire corner of Pearl street and Calumet street, but in consequence of its being a poor alarm, and the fire showing no light, there were but some fifteen men present. The news of the Exempt engine beating the steam apparatus, was telegraphed to the press all over the country, and elicited much wonder and commendation in other cities.

PHILADELPHIA.
The Common Council of Philadelphia have adopted a joint resolution authorizing the Mayor to contract with Purdy, Phillips & Robinson, for the erection of a fire and police alarm telegraph, the cost not to exceed \$36,000. The cost of construction is fixed at a very moderate sum, which is outweighed a thousand times by the increased efficiency it would give to the firemen and police, in suppressing disorder and checking the spread of conflagrations.

In San Francisco, where minutes are equal to hours in any other city in quenching a fire, a telegraph is greatly needed. On more than one occasion our firemen have run, in a direct line, opposite to that where the fire was burning.

In one of the factories in Manchester recently the proprietors reduced the wages whereupon there was a general determination to strike, and as they were obliged to give a month's notice before quitting work, they have meanwhile issued a circular to the world at large in which is the following interesting paragraph:

"We are now working out our notice, and shall soon be without employment; can you not help us? Most any thing, don't like to be idle—but determined not to work for nothing where folks can afford to pay. Who wants help? We can make bonnets, dresses, puddings, pies, and cakes, patch, darn, knit, stew, and fry; make butter and cheese, milk cows, feed chickens, and hoe corn; sweep out the kitchen, put the parlor to rights, make beds, split wood, kindle fires, wash and iron, besides, being remarkably fond of babies, in fact can do anything the most accomplished housewife is capable of—not forgetting the sabbings on Mondays and Saturdays. For specimens of spirit, will refer you to our overseer. Speak quick! Black eyes, fair foreheads, clustering locks, beautiful as a Hibernian, can sing like a seraph, and smile most heavenly; I can even be a gentleman in want of a good housekeeper or a nice young man in want of a wife—willing to sustain either character; in fact, we are in the market. Who bids? Going—going—gone. Who's the lucky man?"

THE STEAM FIRE ENGINE.

Upon whose merits as a "fire annihilator," so much has been said and written by the Press, throughout the Eastern States, was tried in the city of Baltimore on the 15th of February last, and in the city of New York on the 17th of the same month, with but indifferent success—puffery to the contrary, notwithstanding—not demonstrating as clearly as the builders wished for, its superiority over the "heart and hand" power of the volunteer system.

In the city of Baltimore the "steamer" was tested on Bowly's wharf, in the presence of the City Authorities and a large concourse of citizens. It took some twenty-five minutes to get up steam, and then threw two streams of water but twenty five feet each, being entirely distanced by the Union suction apparatus of the same size of "little Six" of this city, the cylinders being half an inch larger. The Independent Fire Company challenged the Steamer, but the same was declined. If the accounts from Baltimore can be relied upon, the Steamer must evidently have been out of order, as in the city of New York she did much better. She was tried at the latter city in the Park, in the presence of at least ten thousand persons. From the Sunday Mercury of Feb. 18, we glean the following:

This steam engine is about 8 feet wide, 11 feet high, and 16 feet long. On the front, [i.e. where the "tongue" has its socket,] a large cylindrical vessel for containing the water from which steam is manufactured stretches its length around; the boiler fronts to the rear, where the fires are located; between the back of the boiler and the round water chamber which lies all the pumps and machinery by which the engine is operated. Stretching across the rear of the boiler, so that the engineer in charge has his back to the front of the machine, three upright air vessels monopolize the space, and immediately adjoining them the pumps perform their revolution. The running gear is composed of three wheels—one in front and two behind: the latter being somewhat larger than those on our first-class hand engines, and the former made so as to give a very short turn; or, in other words, made so as to allow the engine to turn in her own length.

In 34 minutes from the time the match was applied to the kindling wood, she began to pump and discharge water; her two large suction were thrown into the cistern in front of the west end of the City Hall, and the other three hydrant streams were constantly discharging. The Exempt Engine "old 42" stood by manned by its members. For the first time in twelve years she took suction, using but one, a little more than half the size of either of those used by the Steamer. There being no fresh supply pouring into their cistern, the Exempts were compelled to draw water towards the latter part of the trial almost double the distance of the other. The "Exempt" led off by throwing through an inch and an eighth nozzle, and in a moment afterwards the Steamer commenced throwing through a triangular nozzle, each side of the angle, measuring an inch and five-eighths in length. The distance attained was 182 feet for the 8 cfm. Engine, and 189 feet by the well known Exempt Engine, No. 42. The stream from the Steam Engine was not so solid as that from the other. As both streams went shooting side by side, and it became evident that the city firemen and the best of the encounter, cheer after cheer went up from the crowd which lined every available spot in the grounds. Both pipes were then shifted. The steamer started first and played two or three minutes, in a southerly direction from the City Hall, towards Beekman street. The Exempts then came in, beating the Steamer about thirty feet, through an inch and an eighth pipe.

The next trial was with one inch and a quarter pipe, through about seventy-five feet of hose from the Steam Engine, and about the same length of hose, and an inch and an eighth pipe, belonging to Engine Co. 42, the last named engine throwing water about twenty feet farther than the Steamer.

The next trial was through four, inch and a quarter pipes, and about fifty feet of hose by the Steamer, and on No. 42 a single pipe of about one and a quarter inch and about the same length of hose as the Steamer, on which occasion the Steamer was beaten about seventy-five feet.

The last great trial of the Steamer consisted in hoisting 150 feet of hose to the top of the City Hall, facing eastward to the clock. Both engines started about together, the streams for a time were nearly equal. On height the Exempt had the advantage; in distance the Steamer threw about eight feet farther. The Steam Machine was under the control of the builder, Mr. A. B. Latta; the Exempt was under the control of the Foreman, Mr. James L. Miller. The Steamer was immediately thereafter shipped for Boston, for which city she had been purchased.

The Steamer was tried in Boston, and the trial pronounced satisfactory. It is a fact worthy of record that in Boston, where the Department is a paid one, the members threw every obstacle in the way of those interested in the success of the Steamer, and endeavored to prevent the trial under any circumstances. In the Cities of Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York, where the Departments are entirely voluntary, every attention was shown the proprietors of the Steamer, and interest evinced in its success.

The Fireman's Journal.

MARCUS D. BORUCK, Editor.

SAN FRANCISCO:

SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 7, 1855.

FIREMEN'S MEETINGS,

TO BE HELD DURING THE ENSUING WEEK.

Board of Delegates—Wednesday Evening, April 11.
California Co. No. 4—This (Saturday) Evening
Vigilant Co. No. 9—Tuesday Evening, April 10.

Our friends must be content with the appearance of the first issue of our paper. As soon as practicable we shall enlarge it to a much more handsome and convenient size.

To edit and conduct a newspaper in a manner that will ensure favor from all the various elements of society, with which it will naturally come in contact, is an undertaking that demands much more experience than is possessed by him upon whom the editorial management of this sheet has devolved. It is, he may say, with considerable trepidation he enters the lists, and although he has but one aim in view—but one desire to inspire him—and but one end to accomplish: "the honorable advancement and ultimate success of all things that are in any way connected with the welfare and prosperity of the Fire Department," yet clear as the way may seem, and isolated as the intent may be, the outlines are but very dim. Like a ship which is being launched, trembles ere she takes the first plunge in the element upon which she is to course her way, and gain renown in her peculiar sphere, so does the writer of this tremble, on the eve of taking his first plunge in the tide of public opinion. May it be a successful one.

Custom has made it incumbent on those engaging in the publication of a newspaper, to define, in their first number, their position as it may be, and promise what they intend shall be their future course of action. As this, however, is the age of change and improvement, we will not pursue the old beaten track. We will leave the columns of the paper to testify as to its claims for favor, and we will promise nothing for the future conduct of our Journal, except so far as two important subjects are concerned. We allude to them particularly, for the simple reason, that we shall most religiously abide by what we promise concerning them. PARTY POLITICS and FIRE DEPARTMENT POLITICS will never be made the subjects of discussion through the columns of this Journal. As to the former, we consider them a perfect bane to the moral and social condition of man, as they are carried out in this State. We deprecate the man who makes his the "politician's study," and we thank God that thus far the blighting taint of politics has not attached itself to our organization; and, so far as we are concerned, we shall watch, with lynx-eyed vigilance, those who attempt to endanger its usefulness by seeking political power through its influence.

As to the politics of the Fire Department, in connection with candidates for office in the same, we consider them, editorially, none of our business—their claims must be advocated by others. As a citizen, and an individual Fireman, our opinions are our own property, regarding men and office; but no mean advantage will be taken of the power which the control of a few lines in the columns of a newspaper gives, to make them public. We pledge our honor that no part, editorially, will be taken in Department politics. Our objects are—MEASURES, NOT MEN; and we therefore present this morning, the first number of a weekly Journal, devoted to the interests of the Fire Department of the City particularly, and of the State generally.

The Department of this City, during the past two years, has increased so rapidly in numbers and influence, and its wants depending, in so great a measure, upon the tastes, wishes and feelings of the members thereof, (which should at all times be consulted,) that to bring them to the attention of those who govern the Department, in a right and official manner, and to insure proper, speedy and popular action for an organization so important, the "Fireman's Journal" is established.

THE STATE.—We earnestly request that the officers, or individual members of the Fire Department throughout the State, will supply us with such information as they may deem of interest to their brother Firemen. Banded together in one common cause, a sympathy exists between us which distance cannot lessen; and a place in our columns will always be at the disposal of Firemen throughout the State.

The committee appointed by the Legislature, to award the contract for the care of the sick in the State Marine Hospital have given the same to Drs H. & W. P. Gibbons at \$5,000, for the month of April, and rejected a tender made by the "Sisters of Mercy" to perform the same for \$3,500. Why such a course was adopted we cannot for moment conceive, and we do not approve of it. That those ladies were sincere in their motives, none who know anything in relation to them will for a moment doubt. Their whole lives pass from one scene to another of zealous, earnest and holy devotion, in alleviating the sufferings of the sick and dying. Their purpose in offering their services as above could not certainly have arisen from the hope of any pecuniary gain, for it is a well known fact that those ladies, who assume the position of "Sisters of Mercy" generally bring increased wealth to their church. We are no advocates of the Catholic or any other religious sect; but we are the advocates of right in preference to wrong let it come in whatever shape it may. The Hospitals throughout the European world and those in various portions of our own country, particularly in the South, give abundant proof of the care and kindness of the "Sisters of Mercy." As far as religion is concerned in this matter of the care of the sick, we are firm in the opinion, and intend to express it, that neither the State nor the City, had any shadow of right to take the subject into consideration. All that the representatives of those powers were called upon to do, was to provide in the best and cheapest manner, for the care of the sick under their control, and no further; and we believe that the position of the unfortunates in the Hospital would have been enhanced, had their care been entrusted to the soothing watchfulness of the "Sisters of Mercy." To our minds, it makes but very little difference, far away from home and friends, and on the bed of charity, to what religious sect the person belongs who passes the cooling draught, or wipes the cold sweat from the brow of him whom the Almighty has marked with the stamp of death.

In another portion of the paper will be found a description of the contest between the "Steam Fire Engine" and the "Exempt" No. 42 of New York. The former, from all accounts, has not made as many friends as was anticipated. There are but two considerations which render her valuable, and only two—one is, she "never tires," and the other is, that she can be made useful when fires occur in large warehouses filled with cotton and other combustibles, and among the shipping, where an immense quantity of water is required to be poured upon it for several days, to drown a fire out. But as it is not to be presumed that fires will always occur where the utility of the Steamer can be made available, we suppose the "heart and hand" power will not be abolished during the present year, at any rate. Rendering unto the Steamer all that is her due, we think we can safely say that we know one part of the fireman's duty she cannot perform, nor can all the machinery invented by man on earth accomplish it. That to which we allude can only be fulfilled by the secret springs implanted in man by the God of nature—the great cylinder is the body; the piston which works it is the heart; the fluid which generates the motive power is the blood which flows through its complicated vessels, and the fires are kindled by the warm impulses which actuate the brave and the disinterested. The "Steamer" CANNOT SAVE LIFE!

Above all things in a newspaper we dislike to read apologies; yet sometimes they are absolutely necessary, as in the present case with us. How can we account to some of our very partial friends for the non-appearance of their favors, and to the Department for not publishing a full list of the officers of the different companies, and many other articles that would be of material interest to the members? We may as well say, in a few words, that we were not aware of the interest that would be felt in the establishment of a paper devoted to the cause we advocate: we were not aware that advertising patrons would crowd upon us to such an extent; we were not aware that the community generally felt a desire so ardent for the success of the undertaking we this day commence—and we therefore had arranged to publish a small, unpretending sheet, not anticipating the favors that have been showered upon us, particularly in the way of advertising patronage. Such favors show to us at the beginning that the "Fireman's Journal" is not a thing ephemeral. We may be considered egotistic in alluding to ourselves and our prospects of success—but when we say to our friends that we publish of the first number 2,700 copies, having already near one thousand subscribers in the city, and orders are being daily received from the principal cities and towns in the State where the Department is organized, and that our advertising patronage far exceeds our most sanguine expectations, we may be pardoned expressing the thought that the "Journal" is established on a firm and permanent foundation; and our desire and aim shall be to make it such a paper as will meet the expectations of our kind patrons.

CORRESPONDENCE.—We have made arrangements with gentlemen in the cities of New York, Baltimore, Boston, Philadelphia and New Orleans, who will give us all information from those cities interesting to firemen. We hope in a few weeks to publish some of their communications.

The Excursion of the Monumentals.

It is a circumstance well known throughout the Department, and the community generally, that Monumental Engine Company No. 6, contemplates making an excursion to the Atlantic States, leaving here about the 15th of September next, taking their apparatus with them. Gigantic as the affair may seem, and notwithstanding there are doubting ones among ourselves, it is looked upon as a certainty at the East, as the following will show:

BALTIMORE, Jan. 28th, 1855.

DEAR SIR:—At a regular meeting of the Independent Fire Company, held on the 1st inst., the Secretary was directed to tender through you to the members of the Monumental Fire Company of your city, an invitation to be the guests of the Independent Fire Company, on their visit to our City. I assure you it would afford our Company, as well as the Firemen generally in this City a great deal of pleasure to entertain the Firemen of San Francisco, and give them a Fireman's Welcome to the City whose name they bear. I remain yours ever,

JOHN S. FUSSELBAUGH,

Secretary Independent Fire Company.

To GEORGE H. HOSSEFFROSS, Esq.,
San Francisco.

LIST OF FIRES AND ALARMS

DURING JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH, 1855.

The following is a complete list of the alarms and fires that have occurred from January 1st to April 1st of the present year:

January 1st—1 o'clock, A. M., bonfire in first ward; hall bell alarm.
4th—12 M., on Kearny street near Sacramento; crockery store; hall bell alarm.
8½ P. M.—false alarm.
5th—5 P. M., roof of house on Webb street, damage trifling.
6th—12 M., slight fire in dance house corner Kearny and Pacific streets.
13th—4½ P. M., Chase's mill, Stevenson street; damage slight.
15th—9 A. M., false alarm.
18th—Hall bell alarm, store ship off Vallejo wharf.
20th—8 A. M., Chinese house on Dupont street; damage slight.
21st—2 A. M., false alarm.
23d—8 A. M., false alarm.
27th—4½ A. M., Clipper Mills on First street; hall bell alarm; damage \$15,000; (T. Murray, a member of No 11 was killed at this fire.)
27th—7½ P. M., false alarm.
28th—1 A. M., false alarm.
February 3d—10 P. M., false alarm.
4th—9½ P. M., alarm from bursting camphene lamp on Pacific street, hall bell alarm.
11½ P. M.—false alarm.
6th—9 A. M., Pine & Belden's flour mill; damage \$50.
9th—7½ P. M., false alarm.
10th—9½ P. M., do;
15th—4½ P. M., Kasette House chimney.
16th—9½ P. M., Chinese house on Jackson street; no damage.
18th—1½ A. M., hall bell alarm, St Charles hotel and Hillman's; damage \$20,000.
6½ P. M., old fire.
9 P. M., false alarm.
25th—3 A. M., Plaza bakery; no damage.
26th—9 P. M., false alarm.
March 2—10 P. M., false alarm.
9th—9½ P. M., Chase's mill; hall bell alarm; no damage.
10th—3 A. M., false alarm.
12th—3 P. M., gasometer at American Theatre; no damage.
16th—6½ P. M., hall bell alarm; Chinese house on Jackson street; no damage.
7½ P. M., on Kearny st, near Pacific; damage slight.
18th—3 P. M., Lafayette Restaurant, no damage.
20th—3½ A. M., on Pike street near Clay; damage \$4000; hall bell alarm.
12 M., corner of Jackson and Battery; no damage; hall bell alarm.
21st—7 P. M., false alarm.
9 P. M., hall bell alarm; Chinese house on Dupont st, near Clay; no damage.
22d—5 A. M., hall bell alarm; rear of Merchant's Exchange; damage trifling.
22d—6½ P. M., hall bell alarm; Pacific near Stockton; damage \$500.
24th—6 P. M., small fire corner of Jackson and Powell; hall bell alarm.
7½ P. M., sail loft corner of Sacramento and Davis; damage trifling.
25th—3½ A. M., Market street, corner of Montgomery; slight damage; hall bell alarm.
27th—5 A. M., hall bell alarm; Ohio street, between Pacific and Broadway; damage \$6000.
30th—1½ A. M., Pacific street (Presidio road); damage \$3000.

We are happy to announce to the Department, that our worthy Chief Engineer, CHARLES P. DUANE, is slowly recovering from the dangerous illness under which he has been suffering for the past two weeks. With the constant care of his immediate friends and the skill of his physicians, his convalescence will be permanent. It will be sometime, however, before the Chief will be able to resume his duties as energetically as before; when he does, we hope that the leading hosemen of every stream, will, on the appearance of the Chief, "play low."

ESTIMATES.—We intend publishing at an early day, the total amount of property destroyed by fire in this City, before and since the organization of the Fire Department, with the annual cost to the City for the latter each year by itself, so that a proper idea may be formed, in dollars and cents, of the utility of expending money upon the Department.

TO BE INCREASED.—An application has been made to the New York State Legislature, for the passage of a law to increase the fund of the Fire Department of the City of New York, to One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars.

THEATRICAL.

Our paper was projected and established with the view and to the end of advocating the interests of the Fire Department on any and every necessary occasion; yet we know that a paper filled with one particular quality of reading matter, will prove a surfeit in the course of time, to the best friends of the cause. We shall not, therefore, make ours a monotonous sheet, but while we speak of that Department we love and have deep interest in, we shall also so endeavor to conduct the "Journal" as to render it an acceptable medium of general information, that can be read with some degree of pleasure, not only by our brother firemen, but also by their wives and daughters. With other variety we propose to give a series of theatrical criticisms, judicious as we can make them, "nothing extenuate or set down aught in malice." We shall speak on occasions with praise when we deem praise is due, and condemn where we are satisfied that condemnation is deserved. Without further prelude, and with but small space to spare in our crowded columns, we first briefly notice the

METROPOLITAN.—Miss Davenport, who we consider as one of the most forcible, correct and chaste delineators of dramatic character that has yet appeared on the California stage, has filled a short but brilliant engagement, and retired, for a short time, to give place to another actress of merit, and novelties which are to be produced. To say that Miss Davenport met the expectations of her many warm admirers, would be saying but little in her favor. She was received as are all artistes of superior abilities by a California audience, and highly greeted with such plaudits from well-filled houses as compelled her to appear before the curtain. Yet Miss D. is not an actress 'par excellence,' although the lady's superior, in the line of characters she assumes, we do not care to see. During her next engagement we shall take the liberty of saying in what we believe consists the excellencies of her portraiture of life, on the stage, and also what are her faults, if we can detect them.

During the present week, Miss Estelle Potter, another new candidate for public favor, has been filling an engagement. Business matters have prevented us from witnessing her performances; but we learn that she is received with loud applause. We notice that some newspaper critics praise, whilst others forbear remark. The company at the Metropolitan is a fair one, but at present contains no actors of very superior ability.

AMERICAN.—On Monday evening this Theatre will open under the control and management of Dr. Volney Spaulding. In making this announcement we think we can safely predict a new era for the Drama in San Francisco. Dr. S. has been long connected with theatricals, is thoroughly conversant with all managerial duties, and has brought to his aid, without regard to expense, the best talent in every department. With Mr. Leman as stage manager, Dowling as stage director, Torrence as machinist, and Fairchild as scenic artist, we have every assurance that the stage department will be properly conducted; and when we look at the array of talent engaged, we cannot doubt the triumphant success of the Theatre. The management has been particularly fortunate in the engagement of some of the best female talent in the country. Miss Laura Keane is a 'bright particular star,' that shines with brilliancy in any firmament; Mrs. Judah and Miss Gould are very deservedly great favorites with the public, while Mrs. Thoman, Mrs. Cloughley, and Miss Clara Rivers have hosts of admirers. Among the males who are excellent in the different 'lines' they perform, we may name Messrs. Wheatleigh, Smith, Kent, Taylor and McCabe, each of whom appear desirous to excel in whatever characters they assume. Such a combination of talent cannot fail to please.

Dr. Spaulding has gone to large expense in renovating and decorating the interior of the building which now presents, by gas light, an imposing and brilliant appearance. The prices of admission have been judiciously arranged to suit all grades:—Parquette and dress circle, (settees covered with cream colored damask) \$2; first tier, \$1; second tier, 50 cents; upper tier, 25 cents. The manager deserves liberal patronage, and will undoubtedly receive it.

SAN FRANCISCO MINSTRELS.—The San Francisco Hall is not only a popular place of amusement, but it is a fashionable one. For months past the Hall has been crowded every night, and we notice among the audience many of the 'elite' of the city. The entertainments are of such a nature as to attract all desirous of enjoying an evening delightfully. Those afflicted with 'ennui' find on going there, immediate relief. In fact, all who have once seen the Minstrels, visit them again and again. That they can't be excelled in any country, stands an acknowledged fact. Tonight an excellent variety will be offered, and as the hall will, as usual, be crowded, we advise ladies to go early to get comfortable seats.

The publication of the following gives evidence of our desire to gratify the "ambitious wish" of the writer:

SAN FRANCISCO, April 3.

Editor Freeman's Journal.—Having on several occasions contributed to the Press of this city, and being also a fireman, I cannot let this interesting occasion pass, (the publication of the first Fireman's Journal on the Pacific coast) without voicing the muses for its sake. The accompanying lines being the result, are respectfully submitted for publication, hoping they will meet your approbation:

LINES TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

BY COUNT D.

The night is departing, the morning is dawning,
The city is wrapt in her slumbers profound;
Sol's not th'oriental horizon yet gilded,
And Somnus and Morpheus reign all around.
Now breaks on the stillness the bells of the city!
See volumes of smoke intermingled with flame
Arising, increasing, destroying, devouring (flame).
Our houses, homes, prospects and wide spreading
Now, quick as the wild horse of famous Mazeppa,
The fire's noble foemen rush on to the scene,
Propell'd by the steam and the wings of their ardor,
To conquer the enemy "wid der machine."
Now man's the brakes, and the elements fighting,
Like Trojans and Grecians for Helen of Troy,
Or Spartans defending the pass of Thermopylae,
Or Bonaparte's stand at the bridge of Lodi!
The contest is doubtful—the fire increasing—
But energy conquers all phantasm-like fears:
Ha! now see the flames are completely defeated—
What music in those three Stentorian cheers!
Ha! noble, chivalrous, bold, daring fireman,
Who struggles to save, though enshrouded in flame,
Who offers up life on philanthropy's altar!
Your name is inscribed on the portals of fame.

THE LIFE OF A FIREMAN.—A few days since we were favored with a view of a series of four engravings bearing the above title, portraying vividly the exciting scenes (laid in New York,) through which the fireman passes on his way from the house to the fire. The first is a night alarm, the engine just rolling from the house, manned by the "bunkers." Ahead is the volunteer, with the torch; the fireman is at the lead of the rope, giving the order—"start her lively, boys." The second is the race—a powerful engine and a four-wheeled horse carriage, almost side by side; the glare of the fire, lights them on; the City Hall in the distance points to the time on the way, and the cry is given to "jump her, boys, jump her." Scene third is the fire reached, and the various apparatus at work; and while the flames are rolling from the burning building, a fireman is seen emerging from one of the windows with an infant in his arms. The whole scene is natural to life; the ladders up against the walls, the hose, and the leaks stopped in the same by the appliances firemen bring to their aid, and the officers by their apparatus in the act of giving orders, which imagination must lead us to fill up with "now then with a will, shake her up boys." The fourth and last scene is the ruins, yet burning; several of the neighboring companies still at work, while others are leaving the spot, the order having been given to "take up and man the rope." The engravings are the best we have ever seen of the kind. A set is now on exhibition at Sansome Hall, and copies may be had of J. W. Sullivan.

John Blake, who was tried and convicted some time since for the murder of Lyman Mowry, has, we regret to say, been sentenced to be hung on the 25th of May. From the day Blake was arrested until the present time, we have never believed he was guilty of wilful murder, but that when he met Mowry and learned that all his hard earnings had been unlawfully wrested from him, and his family reduced to penury and want, he committed the act on the impulse of the moment, without premeditation. It is true, the laws of the land were outraged in the perpetration of the crime, but it does not necessarily follow, because John Blake is not from the so-called but mis-called higher walks of life, no extenuation should be made in his behalf. We think a milder sentence than that passed upon him would have attained all the law could desire, and we believe, he is well entitled to executive clemency, although those high in official position have not petitioned in his favor. Blake is a married man, having a young wife and five or six children depending upon him for their sustenance. Throughout his trial his wife sat by him and cheered the painful scene he was passing through, with that love and devotion characteristic of a true wife; and it would be indeed hard to doom her to a living death by carrying out the full dictates of the law, when a commutation of his sentence to a term of imprisonment would satisfy the most urgent demands of justice.

MANHATTAN No. 2.—We learn that it is the intention of the Joint Committee on Fire and Water to locate this Engine in the seventh ward. We do not know the feelings of the members of the Company in regard to the matter, but we are sincerely of the opinion that if such action should be adopted, it would tend to benefit the Company in more ways than one. We presume however, that before any definite action is done in the premises, the Company will be consulted in regard to the proposed change.

The Philadelphia *North American* says that the Diligent Fire Engine, at a recent trial of her powers, threw a stream from an inch-and-an-eighth nozzle a distance of 230 feet. This is an extraordinary feat, and one which the firemen of that city challenge the "steam squirt" to equal.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

The Assembly has passed acts to suppress Gaming, and to prohibit the carrying of deadly weapons. Acts to suppress houses of ill fame, to prohibit barbarous and noisy amusements on Sunday, and to prevent the selling of liquor within two miles of the State Prison have passed both houses. The act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drinks has passed the Assembly.

Ticket No. 73,719 drew the first prize in Duncan's Art Union drawing, the fortunate holder being B. C. Horn. \$5,000 was the value of the prize.

At the election in Sacramento on Monday, the "Know Nothings" elected their ticket for charter officers by about 1,200 majority.

A "Surprise" intended for the "New World" was beaten by the latter eight minutes on the way, during the afternoon of the 21st inst.

The Grand Jury, in their report, have presented several of the City Council for malfeasance in office, but have given no particulars in regard to the exact crimes committed—leaving the "horror hunters" as wise as they were before.

The State Marine Hospital building, on Stockton street, has been sold for \$17,500.

As is usual with prize conundrums, the worst was considered the best at Backus' benefit. Here it is:

"Why is Backus' mouth like California? Because it is a fine opening for a young man."

An important document relative to the city's claim to the Pueblo lands, was recently stolen from the Board of Land Commissioners office, and after having been used by the parties interested, was placed in the drawer of Commissioner Thompson, where it was afterwards found.

Both Steamship Companies have reduced their rates of fare to the Atlantic States.

Antoine Rosentiel, an old Californian, died suddenly on Wednesday last.

E. W. Walton, a police officer, who shot a man in Sacramento some time since, while in the act of committing a theft, has been tried and found guilty of manslaughter.

Dani. O'Conner, a member of Crescent Engine Co. No. 11, who shot himself the day previous, was buried on Monday last. A large concourse of firemen attended his funeral.

A young man named Shaw, aged 19 years, has been arrested in this City, for the murder of Angelo Capolo, at Bodega, about two weeks since.

Two young men named William McFadden, and F. E. Potter, were drowned in Washer-woman's Bay, on Sunday last, the boat having capsized. A comrade named Bodeau, swam ashore.

Recorder Waller fined a Mrs. Ribbon, \$500 yesterday, for violation of the Fire Ordinance in reconstructing a wooden building in the Fire limits.

BOARD OF DELEGATES.—The regular monthly meeting of the Board will be held on next Wednesday evening. We understand that there is considerable business of importance to be disposed of.

The following is a standing resolution of the Board of Delegates, passed at their regular meeting of March 14th:

RESOLVED:—That Empire Engine Company No. 1, and all other Engine and Hook and Ladder Companies who have no place of meeting, consequent upon the building of new Engine and Truck houses, have permission to use the room of the Board of Delegates, for the purpose of holding their business meetings.

Thanks to J. W. Sullivan for papers received by the last steamers, and also for files of late Salt Lake papers. "Jerry" comes out with his favors ahead of the Expresses.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Board of Delegates.—The regular monthly meeting of the Board will be held at their chambers in the City Hall, on Wednesday evening next, April 11th, at 7 1/2 o'clock. Every member is requested to be present. By order.

MARCUS D. BORUCK.

Secretary S. E. F. D.

California, No. 3, Attention!—The regular monthly meeting of your Company will be held this (Saturday) evening, April 7th, at 7 1/2 o'clock. The punctual attendance of every member is desired. By order.

A. T. GREEN, Secretary.

Vigilant Engine Company, No. 9.—The regular monthly meeting of this Company will be held on Tuesday evening next, 10th inst. at half past 7 o'clock. By Order.

JOHN SHORT, Foreman.

In consequence of a serious accident to Miss LAURA KEENE, the American Theatre will not open on Saturday evening.

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